Annual Audit of the Mysore Government Insurance Department (Public Branch).

*Q.—71. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the year in which the Mysore Government Insurance Department (Public Branch) Bangalore, was established ;

(*b*) the number of policies taken by the public and the total amount of the policies ;

(*c*) whether the accounts of this Department are subjected to annual audit and, if so, when they were audited last;

(*d*) the total annual establishment charges of this Department, *viz.*, Mysore Government Insurance Department (Public Branch) ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) 1916.

(*b*) One lakh thirty-two thousand one hundred and nine policies for an assurance of Rs. 14,16,40,700 to the end of 1949-50.

(*c*) Yes. Accounts of the year 1947-48 were audited and certified on on 3rd February 1950.

(*d*) Rs. 3,55,500 for 1949-50.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Do the Mysore Government Insurance Department (Public Branch) deal with only Life Insurance or other kinds of Insurance also ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Public Branch Department deals only in Life Insurance.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—With regard to the working of this Public Branch how does it compare with the working of other Life Insurance Companies, like the Oriental Life Insurance, the Empire Life Insurance, etc., in the State ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Quite favourably.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is said that there are 1,32,109 policies May I know if the work has increased in the last 4 or 5 years, from 1944-45 ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is the establishment adequate to cope with the increasing work of the Department ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether there are any complaints from the public that there are undue delays in the matter of correspondence and other things ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—None that I have come to know. There may be here and there but nothing very material to reckon with.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It has been stated that the accounts have been audited only for the year 1947-48; may I know why the accounts for 1948-49 have not been audited yet ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That needs a s ight explanation. There was a different mode of accounting introduced in between and because it did not work satisfactorily we had to go back on it. That accounts partly for the delay in audit as also delay in audit of previous years. That will soon be set right.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—What steps have been taken to set it right ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We are taking every step.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—With regard to the Administration Report of this Department, do the Government receive only the annual reports or do they get any monthly reports with regard to the work of this Department ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I am not sure. Notice.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Will steps be taken to rectify any defects noticed in the working of this Department if the same are brought to notice ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Surely, that is what we are here for.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು (ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ):—ಲೆಕ್ಕಗಳು ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಆಡಿಟ್ ಆಗಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಉತ್ತರ ದಲ್ಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—1948-49ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಗಳು ಇನ್ನೂ ಆಡಿಟ್ ಆಗಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—1947-48ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಗಳ ಆಡಿಟ್ ಆಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಇದು business concern ತಾನೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹೌದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ವರ್ಷವರ್ಷವೂ ಬ್ಯಾಲೆನ್ಸ್‌ಷೀಟ್ ತಯಾರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಯೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹೌದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಇಂತಹ ಬೇರೆ ಕೆಂಪೆನಿಗಳು ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಕಾಲ ಲೆಕ್ಕಗಳನ್ನು ಆಡಿಟ್‌ಮಾಡಿಸದೆ ಬ್ಯಾಲೆನ್ಸ್‌ಷೀಟ್ ತಯಾರಿಸದೆ ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅವರನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬೇಕು. ನಮ್ಮದರ ವಿಚಾರ ನಾವು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ವರ್ಷ ವರ್ಷವೂ ಬ್ಯಾಲೆನ್ಸ್‌ಷೀಟ್ ತಯಾರಿಸುವುದು ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಲ್ಲವೆ!

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ತಾವು ಯಾವಾಗಲಾದರೂ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟ್‌ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—ಇಲ್ಲ. As Ministers, generally, we do not inspect these Departments.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ತಾವು ಈಗ ಆ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದರೂ ಶೇಕಡ 50 ರಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತೀರಾ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is a hypothetical question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಹೋದವರ್ಷ, ಎಂದರೆ 1949-50ರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಪಾಲಿಸಿಗಳಾಗಿವೆ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice. Latest information has been given here.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಲೆಕ್ಕಗಳನ್ನಿಡುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದುದರಿಂದ ಹೀಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಯಿತೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಯಾರು ಯಾವ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿದ್ದು?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have no details.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ನಲವತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಇದ್ದುದನ್ನು ಈಗ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿದ್ದು ನ್ಯಾಯವೆ? ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾರು ಕಾರಣ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I want notice. As I said I am not sure of the particular year. Sri Subramanyam was responsible for this.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—Dead accounts ಎಂದು ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಬಾಕಿ ಇದ್ದು, ಜನರಿಂದ ದಿನವೂ ದೂರುಗಳು ಬರುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಕೆಲವು ಬರುತ್ತವೆ. ದಿನವೂ ಬರುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವಲ್ಲ. It is working very satisfactorily.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ನಾನು ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಹಣ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ, ಹಣ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನನಗೆ ನೋಟೀಸುಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಸತ್ತುಹೋಗಿರುವವರಿಗೂ ನೋಟೀಸ್‌ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಹಣ ಪಾವತಿಯಾಗ ಬೇಕೋ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣ ಪಾವತಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.....

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I am sorry. He can only put questions, not make a speech. He can reserve it for some other occasion, next March or so.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನ್ಯೂನತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸುವುದು ನ್ಯಾಯವಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಪಾಲಿಸಿದಾರರ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಒಂದು ಸಮಿತಿ ಇದೆ. ಅವರು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ..... .....

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—It is one of the Standing Committees in the nature of Advisory Committee!

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಆ ಇರಾಜಿಯ ಖರ್ಚು 3,33,500 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ, ಅಫಿಷಿಯಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಟಿಗೂ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಟಿಗೂ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಈ ಖರ್ಚನ್ನು ಹಂಚಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಈ ಖರ್ಚು ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಟಿಗೆ ಆಗಿರುವುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಒಟ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ಯಾವ ಭಾಗ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಒಟ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ದಾಮಾಷಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕು ಮತ್ತು ಅಫಿಷಿಯಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಟಿಗೆ ಹಂಚುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಎರಡನ್ನೂ ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಪೂರ್ತಿಇರಾಖೆಯ ಖರ್ಚೋ ಅಥವಾ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಟ್‌ಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟದ್ದೊ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಟಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟದ್ದು.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—There is only one Secretary and how is his pay allocated?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C DASAPPA.—Notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಮೋಟಾರ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಚ್ ಎಂಬುದು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರವೋ ಅಥವಾ ಬಾಕಿಯವರಿಗೂ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೊ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The question relates only to the Public Branch. I am afraid he cannot ask these questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This question refers only to the Public Branch.

Sri M. N. JOIS (Mysore District—General).—Mr. Speaker, the question does not relate only to Public Branch 'Life Insurance'. The Public Branch

referred to in the question also includes Motor Branch. It is not only the Government vehicles but also the other vehicles belonging to the public that are dealt with in this Motor Branch. I want a ruling of the Chair.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Motor Branch is a separate Branch.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—Is it not attached to the Public Branch?

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—There are two main branches—Official Branch and Public Branch. The question is whether this Motor Insurance Branch is attached to the Public Branch or to the Official Branch.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—When was the last valuation of the assets of the Public Branch of the Insurance made and who made it?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—Was any valuation made recently?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—Are the Government aware that their own Departmental man conducted the valuation this time?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—He must have done it. We have got a qualified actuary there.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—Can you tell us who made the valuation last time and what you paid him and the gentleman who made the valuation this time and what was paid to him?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice. I said notice for the first question, so that the subsequent question does not arise.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—The efficiency of the Department is found out more or less by valuation, not by audit of accounts only. It supplies money for the Government, is it not?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Of course.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—What is the rate of interest that Government pay?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—the rate of interest may be 3½ per cent.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—I want a definite answer because I want to put further questions on that.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Three and half per cent. I remember it is that.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Who is the Auditor? Is it the Company that selects the auditor or is it the Government auditor that audits the company's accounts?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—What is the status of this person *vis-a-vis* the Government? Is it a joint stock company or is it purely a concern of the policy holders or is it a Government Department, for instance like the Iron and Steel Works, or the Sandal Oil Factory?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is a Government concern working with some amount of autonomy. A committee has been appointed consisting of Government nominees as well as of policy holders.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—What exactly is the method of control that the Government are exercising apart from nominating?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Through the Financial Secretary.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—What is the way of distributing bonus that is earned by the Branch? Is it distributed among the policy holders alone?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The bonus may be given to the policy holders as well as to some of the staff. If it is a question of bonus on the policy and the premium, that is different and that is given to policy holders. But there is also a certain amount that is given by way of bonus to the staff for the good work done.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Will the Government consider the question of showing the assets and the liabilities of this Branch in the Budget?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I cannot say anything about that because this works as an independent unit and I do not know whether that Budget has got to come up before the House.

Sri M. N. JOIS (Mysore District—General).—Have the Government invested any capital on the insurance business?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I do not think they have invested capital as such. They may be rendering several facilities.

Sri M. N. JOIS. What is the guarantee for the policy holders to get back their policy money?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is the Government guarantee.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—What do the Government get for the guarantee that they have given to the policy holders?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The entire operations are with the Government and they get the benefit of all the premiums for their ways and means and so on.

Sri M. N. JOIS. What is the profit that the Government are making on this?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice. There is no question of profit, like that.

Sri M. N. JOIS. What is the surplus that remains over as such to the Govment?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is no question of surplus as such. The benefit of it goes to the policy holders and we get the advantage of handling the cash just like any kind of loan and we pay interest.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—So it is only the credit that you get while the cash goes to the policy holder?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We handle the cash also.

Sri M. N JOIS.—What is the total amount of premium that Government have collected for 1949-50?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice

Sri M. N. JOIS.—What percentage it works out in relation to the expenses incurred?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The ratio, I must say, is very reasonable and compares favourably with any other insurance company.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—I want the percentage. I know it is reasonable and ought to be reasonable because it is handled by an eminent Finance Minister. I want to know the definite figure.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—Does the amount of Rs. 3,55,500 include the expenses incurred by the Motor Branch also?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I cannot answer it unless notice is given.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—May I know whether this amount includes the expenses of the Motor Branch or only of the Life Insurance Branch?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Whether this figure includes that or not I cannot say just at present.

Sri M. N JOIS. —What exactly is the difficulty to bring this figure under the Budget?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The difficulty is the very structure of the organisation. Just like the Iron and Steel Works we do not get a detailed budget but we get only the total amount. The question of placing the detailed Budget of the Insurance Department before the House is a matter of policy. Ever since the inception of the Department itself that Budget has not been placed before the House. It is a question of policy on which if there is a manifest expression of opinion in this House, Government have got to consider it.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—Will the Government please consider it in view of the change—over and include it in the Budget also?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I shall certainly consider.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Are not the expenses incurred paid by the policy holders?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Entirely.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—Will the Government incur anything by way of loss?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Not a copper.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—Are not Government getting anything by way of income or profit?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— It is handled separately. There is no question of income, profit or loss, in this. The whole money is handled by the Government and that is supposed to be an 'incoming' in the sense that we find money for our ways and means and financing capital programmes and so on.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—When it is said that the department is enjoying a certain amount of autonomy, why should the Government pay interest on the amount?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— Money is treated as money advanced to Government. Therefore they have got to pay. Otherwise, how can the claims, bonus on the premium, be paid?

Sri S. RANGARAMIAH. (Mysore District—General).—Do the establishment charges include 'agents' commission also?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— Not likely.

Sri S. RANGARAMIAH.—Can the Hon'ble Minister say what the percentage of commission to the Agents is?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— I want notice.

Sri S. RANGARAMIAH.—At least the percentage?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— All that I can say is that it is just as reasonable as in any other company.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಬ್ಬರಾಮು ಶೆಟ್ಟರು (ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).— ಒಟ್ಟು ವ್ಯವಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಷೇರ್ ಹೋಲ್ಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಬರುತ್ತದೆ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮುರು (ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).— ಹೋದ ವ್ಯಾಲ್ಯುಏಷನ್ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಬ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— All that is over. I have said 'Notice' for that question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question. Sri M. Muniswamy.

Raising the Dearness Allowance of the Mysore Government Employees.

*Q.—140. **Sri M. MUNISWAMY** (Kolar District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether they propose to augment the Dearness Allowance of the employees of the Government to stand on a par with the Dearness Allowance given by the Central Government to their employees?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).— There is no such proposal.

Sri M. MUNISWAMY.—I want to bring to the notice of the Government that the employees working in the Hindustan Aircraft and the Telephone Industries are given more dearness allowance whereas the employees of the Mysore Government are given less. Why not the Government of Mysore also raise the dearness allowance to their employees?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member is making a suggestion.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— It is purely a question of finance. Not only our dearness allowance is lower than that given to the Central Establishment and services but also our scales of pay are lower and therefore we cannot pay the same dearness allowance as the Central Government does for its employees.

Sri G. VEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—Are the Government aware that the employees in Davangere have been claiming that city allowance should be given to them as in Bangalore and Mysore?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— That does not arise from this.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.